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News Advisory

Utah Hospitals Ranked on Quality of Cardiac and Orthopedic Care

What: The Utah Department of Health's (UDOH) Health Data Committee will release two online reports comparing cardiac and orthopedic care among Utah hospitals based on charges, quality and patient safety. Both reports contain the latest available data along with updated hospital ratings.

Why: Informed health care consumers are considered an essential part of UDOH efforts to improve health care in Utah. These reports help Utahns make educated decisions on where to find the best care for themselves and their families. Consumer access to readily available hospital comparison information may reduce health care costs and improve quality of care.

Hospitals benefit from the reports by knowing their strengths and weaknesses and using that knowledge to develop and/or redesign quality improvement programs.

Who: Utah Department of Health
Utah Health Data Committee

When: Wednesday, May 30, 2007
The reports will be available online at 9:00 a.m.

Where: On the Web at <http://health.utah.gov/myhealthcare>

MEDIA NOTE:

Journalists interested in developing news articles based on the contents of the updated reports may contact Mike Martin at 801-538-9205 or at mmartin@utah.gov for more information.

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